



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. **6832.0012**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
David J. BALLANCE et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1653.  
Application No.: 09/832,501 ) Examiner: Hope A. Robinson  
Filed: April 12, 2001 )  
For: ALBUMIN FUSION PROTEINS )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

## REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed November 4, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.

**Attachments** to this amendment include a Petition for One Month Extension of Time, an Information Disclosure Statement, and two PTO-1449s (43 pages and 5 pages).